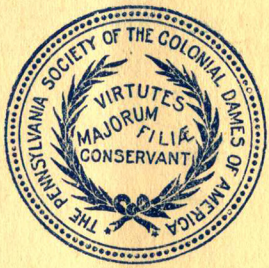

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OF THE

Martha Washington Window

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Washington Memorial Chapel

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

JUNE TWELFTH

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"I commend the interests of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God, and those who have the superintendence of them to His holy keeping."

—Washington's Valedictory Prayer for the People of the United States of America.

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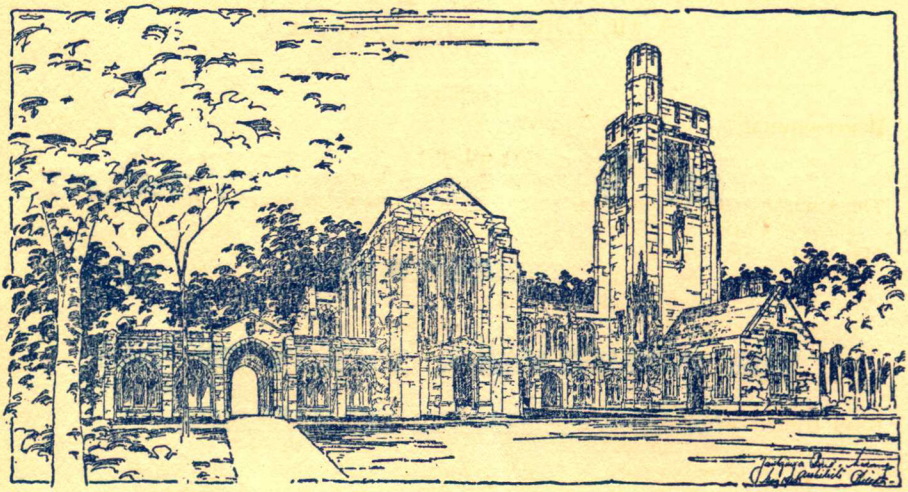

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"While we are zealously performing the Duties of good Citizens and Soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher Duties of Religion. To the distinguished Character of Patriot it should be our highest Glory to add the more distinguished Character of Christian."

—Washington to his Soldiers at Valley Forge

DEDICATION OF THE WINDOW

IN THE

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Presented by The Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America

In Memory of Martha Washington.

A MEMORIAL OF SACRIFICE.

Processional.

HYMN 491

The Church's one foundation
  Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
  By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her,
  To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
  And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
  Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
  One Lord, one Faith, one Birth:
One holy Name she blesses,
  Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
  With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
  Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
  By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
  Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
  Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
  And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
  Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
  Her longing eyes are blest.
And the great Church victorious
  Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
  With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
  With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
  Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
  On high may dwell with Thee.

Amen.

Minister.—Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.

Answer.—Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain.

PSALM 24. *Domini est terra.*

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it uponthe seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of thy salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: Itis the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

The Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you;

Answer.—And with thy spirit.

Minister.—Let us pray.

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

Answer.—And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister.—O Lord, save the State.

Answer.—And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister.—O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer.—And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God most high, who alone rulest in the kingdoms of men, grant we beseech thee the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit to thy servant Woodrow Wilson, our President, the members of his cabinet, and of the Congress. Endue them with prudence, fortitude, temperance, justice, and the spirit of a sound mind, that guided by eternal truth and right they may labor faithfully for the safety, honor and welfare of our country and the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who givest breath to every living thing, and of Whose power it is that peoples, nations and kindreds of men extend the bounds of their habitations, we give Thee hearty thanks for that spirit of brave adventure to which this Nation owes its birth. We rejoice in the courage of those who, loving liberty and knowledge, removed the veil of mountains and of seas, seeking light and freedom for themselves and for their children; and we pray that Thou wilt give us the same spirit, and make us worthy of our heroic ideals and traditions. Give us grace ever to witness for Thee among the nations; and hasten the time, we pray Thee, when all the peoples of the earth shall dwell together in righteousness and peace, and war shall be no more. All which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

HYMN 196

Our fathers' God! to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

Bless Thou our native land!
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait;
Thou Who art ever nigh.
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State.

Amen

PRESENTATION OF THE WINDOW

IN MEMORY OF MARTHA WASHINGTON

By Mrs. James Starr, Jr., President of the Pennsylvania Society, Colonial Dames of America.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE WINDOW

By the Right Reverend Philip Mercer Rhinelander, S. T. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

DEDICATION OF THE WINDOW

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Who from ancient times has put it into the hearts of Thy people to make offerings for Thy service and for the use of Thy sanctuary, and Who hast been pleased at all times to accept gifts at their hands we pray Thee to accept this Window in the Washington Memorial Chapel which we now set apart in Thy Name. May Thy blessing rest on this gift and on the givers of it, that Thy Church may be benefited, Thy worship made more worthy, and Thy Name may be exalted and glorified continually; we ask this in the Name and for the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the faith of Jesus Christ Our Lord, we dedicate this Window in the Washington Memorial Chapel to the Glory of God and in Honor of Martha Washington, as a Memorial of Sacrifice; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn 176

For all the saints. who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest.
Alleluia.

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might:
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia.

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia.

But lo ! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia.

GREETING

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ADDRESS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

CLOSING PRAYERS

Almighty God, Ruler of all nations; Give wisdom at this time, we pray thee, to those who are called to be counsellors for the making of a righteous peace; so guide them by thy Holy Spirit that all things may be settled upon the best and surest foundations; and that truth and justice, liberty and peace may be established in the world for all generations, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers and sailors of our country; support them in the day of peril, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty, and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach, as seeing thee who art invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The Star Spangled Banner.

O say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there·
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On that shore dimly seen throughthe mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
Its full glory reflected now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner; oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh, thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just;
And this be our motto—"In God is our trust:"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

THE MARTHA WASHINGTON WINDOW

A MEMORIAL OF SACRIFICE.

The Martha Washington Window by virtue of its position is the window of sacrifice. Its relation to the altar has been fixed by the moulding around the reredos which binds the altar, reredos and window together. The altar and cross symbolize the sacrifice of the Lamb of God and the benefits which humanity has received as a result. The purpose of the window, remembering the relation which the Washington Memorial Chapel bears to the Nation and its history, is to interpret that sacrifice and its benefits in terms of national significance. It is the message of the Cross to the American Nation.

RELIGION

THE CRUCIFIXION.

The Crucifixion is therefore made the center of the window as that sacrifice is the source from which all the other subjects draw their significance. It gives coherence to all our plan and binds all the subjects together in one harmonious whole. Even the events of our Lord's personal history must be viewed from this center, for whatever other views of His Life and Ministry may be possible at other times or in other places, here at Valley Forge it is His Sacrifice and the Service through Sacrifice which must fill our minds. Moreover this must be the central thought of the Nation, whose ideal greatness can be attained only in service through sacrifice.

THE RESURRECTION.

Above it is the Resurrection, the scene selected being that of the women leaving the tomb with the Easter message, of which they were the first evangelists.

THE CONSECRATION.

Below the Crucifixion is the Consecration, of which the purification, of baptism, is depicted.

THE INCARNATION.

The adoration of the Holy Child represents the Incarnation, and below it is shown.

THE PENTECOST.

Those waiting for the gift of the Holy Spirit represent all classes and all ages for the great gift is not to a favored few.

These five subjects not only set forth the great events in the life of our Lord, but they also typify the ideal life of the true servant of God, who is born of God, consecrates his life to God, and by the sacrifice of self wins the victory of life and becomes a blessing by his spiritual power.

It is this which makes this window such a fitting memorial of Martha Washington, whose sacrifice of self in the service of the nation brought the richest blessings to our people, as her religious life brought to her comfort and peace.

The five openings in the window represent the five-fold inheritance of man—Religion, Institutions, Literature, Science and Art, and in these is set forth the reason of the Incarnation,"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

The upper openings are filled with the heavenly hosts, those angels who are ministering spirits and whose joy is to do the will of God.

INSTITUTIONS

THE FAMILY.

The great institutions of human life are the Family, the Church and the State. The first is represented by the scenes "The Marriage at Cana," and "Christ Blessing the Little Children." The central medallion stands for the Church, whose philanthropic spirit is typified by Dorcas whose works of charity are being exhibited. Two scenes represent the Nation, "The Question of Tribute," or man's obligation to support the State, and "The Brotherhood," or Christ's acknowledgment of the universal claims of brotherhood.

All the subjects in this opening suggest her in whose memory

the window is given. The story of her life is written in these scenes. Twice blest in marriage, her children were brought up in the love of God. A devout Christian, she was a member of the historic Church of which George Washington was vestryman and church warden. To the Nation she gave the best she had—her noble husband, and by her services at Valley Forge and other camps and in the capitals of the new Republic she showed her belief in the Gospel of Brotherhood.

LITERATURE

In the days of the earthly life of our Lord, Literature was comprehended in the Law and the Prophets. His relation to

THE LAW

is represented in the familiar scene of Jesus in the Temple. While his relation to

THE PROPHETS

is set forth in the picture of his reading the Prophets in the Synagogue at Nazareth.

THE GOSPEL.

With our Lord began the new literature whose greatest classics are the Gospels, and whose new spirit is best seen in the Sermon on the Mount. The dominant notes of the new literature are Truth and Freedom.

TRUTH.

The first is represented by our Lord before Pilate, for to the dolorous question—What is Truth? Jesus Christ is the greatest answer.

FREEDOM

is typified by the Sabbath in the Wheat Field, when the hungry disciples satisfied the demands of nature by breaking a bigoted interpretation of a great moral law.

To Martha Washington the Law and the Prophets and the Gospel were the bulk of literature, and in their broad spirit of Truth and Freedom her life was lived.

SCIENCE

The Lord Jesus Christ opened to man the world of science, by bidding him go out into the world of nature without fear. His great miracles allay the fear in the heart of humanity. Terror in presence of some great force of nature is calmed, as that of His disciples was by

THE CALMING OF THE STORM,

by which He taught them and us that His care never ceases and His power is never exhausted.

The fear of disease is removed when we know our Lord's power to bestow health, and this is shown in

THE HEALING OF THE SICK.

Of even the last great foe our Lord is the Conqueror, so His victory and ours is shown in

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS.

Every harvest field is a proclamation of this power, and our daily existence is based upon our Lord's power to raise the dead. He is

THE SOWER

and all sowing proclaims the great message of service through sacrifice. Finally in

FEEDING THE MULTITUDE

we have the blessed declaration of both love and power represented by every harvest-field all the world over.

As we behold these scenes and read their message we recall the woman whose ministry to the hungry, the sick and the dying at Valley Forge brought comfort, courage and peace.

ART

The opening on the extreme right of the window represents man's aesthetic inheritance. All eyes are blind to art save those those lighted with the appreciation of

BEAUTY

Our first scene therefore represents our blessed Lord showing the disciples the beauty of the lily of the field.

MUSIC

finds its expression in the picture of our blessed Lord and His apostles singing the hymn before the Crucifixion, for not even its horror could still the note of praise.

PAINTING

The Lord Jesus Christ has begn the artist's greatest inspiration. Here we see Him whose form and lineaments the adoring artists strive to transfer to their canvases. Each canvas hangs from a cross, for the artist's achievements are measured by sacrifice.

SCULPTURE

Years ago the lintel of the Synagogue at Capernaum was found, and on it was carved the pot of manna and Aaron's rod. That simple sculpture became the Master's theme, when He declared himself the Bread of Life. In our picture He directs the attention of His disciples to the carving as they enter the Synagogue.

ARCHITECTURE.

The Martha Washington Window is the rich jewel, which the Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America have set in the strong masonry of the Washington Memorial Chapel. That Chapel is itself a result of the inspiration of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is designed for His worship, built for His glory and set apart for His service to quicken the nation's devotions. Whatever is beautiful in it was inspired by Him and designed by an architect who found his inspiration not in pagan shrines, but in the churches of the living Christ. Built by faith through prayer, it stands to-day a gift of devotion and loving service. Therefore our last medallion pictures the Christ holding in his arm a model of that House of Prayer which the Colonial Dames have made more worthy by this great window given to the glory of Jesus Christ, in honor of Martha Washintgon, His servant, whose greatest virtue was the service which she rendered to Her Saviour and to her Nation bv her life of self-sacrifice.

KEY TO THE MARTHA WASHINGTON WINDOW

SERVICE THROUGH SACRIFICE

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."—St. John 10: 10.

LITERATURE	INSTITUTIONS	RELIGION	SCIENCE	ART
The Law. Christ and the Doctors.	The Family. The Marriage at Cana.	The Resurrection. The Women leaving the Tomb.	Quelling the Storm.	Beauty. The Lily of the Field.
The Prophets. Jesus reads the Prophets.	The Family. Blessing the Children.	The Crucifixion.	Healing the Sick.	Music. The Hymn before the Crucifixion.
The Gospel. The Sermon on the Mount.	The Church. The Kingdom of God. The Work of Dorcas.	Consecration. The Baptism.	Raising the Dead.	Painting. Jesus the Model.
Truth. Christ before Pilate.	The Nation. Tribute to Cæsar.	Incarnation The Adoration.	The Sower.	Sculpture. Entering the Synagogue at Capernaum.
Freedom. In the Wheat Fields	The Nation. The Brotherhood	The Pentecost.	Feeding the Multitude.	Architecture. Jesus Christ with the Chapel.

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Artist: Mr. Nicola D'Ascenzo.
Author: Rev. W. Herbert Burk, D. D.

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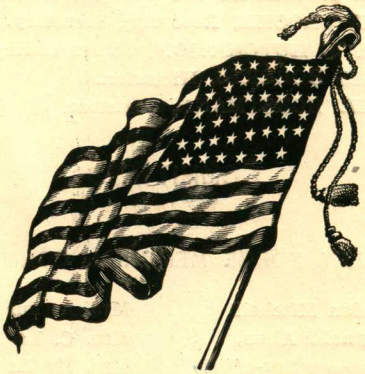

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—*Cyrus Townsend Brady.*

Washington's Prayer for the United States of America

Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*